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HINSDALE FLATS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (HINSDALE, MA.)

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(P) Parking
 — Right of Way
 — WMA Boundary
 — Surrounding WMAs
 — Boundary between land held in Fee and CE
 CE Conservation Easement held by the Dept. of Fish and Game.

Map features such as designated parking areas may not exist for all WMAs.

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Note: The Tracy Pond section of the Peru Wildlife Management Area is included on this map. The remainder of the Peru WMA, including a description of the Tracy Pond section, is presented on a separate map.

- Size:** 1489.5 acres. Most of the area is nearly level river bottomland with some moderate slopes in the southeastern corner. Elevations range from 1434 to 1650 feet.
- Access:** Two parking areas along Middlefield Road. One leads through a gate down a dirt road to a grassy circle. Another passes through a bar-way with parking just inside on a hayfield. Parking may also be done at pull-offs along Bullards Crossing Road (must be accessed from the east as the railroad bridge was removed during 2003).
- Vegetation:** Most of the area is seasonally flooded bottomland dominated by grasses and shrubs. The upland areas are dominated by mixed stands of hardwoods and softwoods interspersed with some abandoned fields and old blueberry fields. A Black ash –Red maple- Tamarack Calcareous Seepage Swamp is of interest to botanists.
- Water:** A large section of the East Branch of the Housatonic River falls within the borders of the area. Bilodeau Brook, Cady Brook and Bennett Brook flow through the area to join the Housatonic. There are 2 small man-made ponds on the area.
- Wildlife:** Deer, turkeys, ruffed grouse, woodcock, waterfowl, black bears, moose, snowshoe hare, beaver otters, mink and muskrats inhabit the area. Ring-necked pheasants are stocked by the DFW. American bitterns and Wilson's snipe are 2 regular nesters eagerly sought by birders. Numerous butterfly species have been recorded here. Eastern brook trout are found in all the brooks. In addition, DFW stocks Bennett Brook and the Housatonic River with trout.
- Special Regulations:** Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required for hunters during the pheasant season.